of cooperative credit institutions These include:

> The Reserve Bank deregulation of the interest rate structure for lending and for raising deposits by cooperative institutions.
>
> The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Development Action Plan taking into account the performance and potential of these institutions to improve financial viability on a sustainable basis. The various strategies suggested in MOUs signed between the NABARD and the State Level Institutions include review of loan procedure, pre-sanction appraisal, recovery drive, etc.
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> The State Governments constituting Standing Committees to decide on the strategy for ensuring adequate credit flow, monitoring and removal of bottlenecks.

Investment by MNCs for infrastructure facilities in the power sector

*189. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational companies are prepared to invest for creating infrastructure facilities in the power sector both in the public and private sectors;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to tap such resources and install the latest technology in the power sector; and

(c) the details of offers received by Government in this regard after the liberalisation policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) As on date, as per inforamtion available. 56 proposals involving foreign investment from private promoters including multinational companies on the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Intent, etc. route costing more than Rs. 100 crores and on the competitive bidding route costing more than Rs. 1000 crores have been received for setting up power projects. The State-wise details of these projects indicating their capacity, provisional cost and name of the company are given in the Annexure. (*See Appendix 180, Anneuxre No.* 32]

Central Electricity Authority while examining proposals for setting up of power projects in the power sector for accord of techno-economic clearance as required in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, taken into consideration the essentiality of the project, reasonableness of the tariff and the type of equipment proposed to be installed in the plant.

Salal Project

*190. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Salal Project in the Jammu region is facing a serious threat, due to problems of silting;

(b) whether this problem has been exacerbated by the closing of sluice gates provided in the original construction; and

(c) what measures are being taken to solve this problem, so that this crucial project can function with its full efficiency for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Salal Hydroelectric Project of Natioanl Hydroelectric Power Corporation in Jammu & Kashmir experiences problems in operation in the monson months due to silt content in river Chenab which causes outages of generating units. To ensure operation of the project at full efficiency, several technical measures are being taken to improve the performance of the power stations and maximise generation. During 1996-97, generation from the Project (upto January, 1997) has been 2092 Million Units

(MU) as against 2143 Million Units (MU) generated in 1995-96.

Permission for extra rooms in DDA Janata Flats

*191. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to construct an extra room on the terraces of DDA Janta flats;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider to permit such construction due to paucity of space in these one room flats; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding already constructed rooms on the terraces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, temporary construction on the open terraces with sloping roofs upto 9 feet height with lightweight material such as fibre glass, AC sheets, GI sheets / pipes and standard angle iron sections, etc. and enclosing with glazing has been included in the items of condonable additions/alterations in DDA flats.

Estimate of Growth in GDP

*192. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimate relating to growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the first four years of the Eighth Plan have been revised both ways;

(b) if so, the revised GDP growth rate;

(c) whether growth in the GDP in 1995-96 has been revised to 7.1%, as against the earlier 7%; and

(d) if so, the authenticity of the current as well as the earlier dates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER KUMAR ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised GDP growth rates for the first four years of the Eighth Plan, viz., 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are 5.3, 6.0, 7.2 and 7.1 per cent respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimates of GDP are revised utilising the latest available data from different sectors of the economy at various points of time. The methodology developed by the Expert National Income Advisory Committee is used. It is reviewed by the Committee from time to time. The Committee was chaired by eminent economists like Prof. M. Mukherjee, Prof. V.M. Dandekar and Prof. C.H. Hanumantharao. Y.K. Alagh chaired it until he was sworn in as Minister and the current Chairman is the distinguished economist Dr. R. Mohan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research. The revised estimates are firmer as more data becomes available.

Cut in Aid to States to Recover Dues

*193. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any schemes to cut in aid to the States to recover arrears of dues of the Ministries/Departments of Railways, Coal, Power and Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that small States are not victimised on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VEN-